

A RESOLUTION to establish a special joint committee to study
titling and registration of motor vehicles in
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, titling and registration of motor vehicles in Tennessee is performed through a system in which the various county clerks act as agents for the department of safety; and

WHEREAS, this system provides many practical benefits to motor vehicle purchasers who are able to attend to their registration and titling needs in their county of residence; and

WHEREAS, despite these benefits, the current system can engender delays, especially in the titling process, due to the exchange of paper documentation; and

WHEREAS, the timely perfection and release of liens is of critical importance to consumers' motor vehicle dealers, lending sources and the commerce of our great state; and

WHEREAS, the rapid advance in computerization and electronic transfer of information in recent years offers possibilities for cost and time efficiencies in the process; and

WHEREAS, the public safety of our citizens is benefited by the consideration of reasonable requirements intended to deter alcohol or drug-related operations of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it has been over a decade since there has been any systematic review of the titling and registration process in Tennessee and other features of the process such as the lien perfection and release provisions and the continuing increase in special registration plates and the time schedule for commercial registrations are deserving of review; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study titling and registration of motor

vehicles in Tennessee, including the perfection and release of liens. The committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the house of representatives, and three (3) members of the senate, appointed by the respective speakers, one (1) member of the public at-large appointed by the chair of the committee and a representative from each of the following: the County Clerks Association, the Tennessee Automotive Association, the Tennessee Bankers Association, the Tennessee Consumer Finance Association, the department of safety and the department of revenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the special joint committee, upon the request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers that the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1996, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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